

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATHENS DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	: SECOND SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT
	:
v.	: Case No. 3:21-CR-9
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CEDDRICK DEMON MERCERY,	:
	:
Defendant.	:
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SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY OF EXPERT WITNESS
ACCPD MASTER POLICE OFFICER AMANDA BLAIR

The United States will offer expert testimony from Athens-Clarke County Police Department (“ACCPD”) Master Police Officer Amanda Blair. As part of her duties with ACCPD, Officer Blair is assigned to the Forensics Unit. She has been employed by ACCPD since November 2010 and has been assigned to the Forensics Unit since February 2016, where her duties include processing evidence for latent fingerprints and conducting latent fingerprint comparisons. Officer Blair has advanced certification as a latent print examiner, and she is a frequent presenter and adjunct instructor in the area of forensics and crime scene processing. As detailed below, she has extensive training in latent print examinations:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Law Enforcement Training Course</u>	<u>Course Hours</u>
November 18, 2020	Latent Fingerprint Examiner Cert. Test	4
December 4, 2019	Latent Print Examiner Training	8
October 26, 2018	Latent Print Expert Testimony	40
September 7, 2018	Advanced Friction Ridge Analysis	40
April 13, 2018	Palm Print Comparisons	40
March 9, 2018	Intermediate Friction Ridge Analysis II	40
January 12, 2018	Intermediate Friction Ridge Analysis I	40
February 4, 2016	Friction Ridge Comparisons	24
July 31, 2015	Fingerprint Classification	40
July 30, 2014	Latent Print Development Technique	24

Officer Blair's curriculum vitae ("CV") outlining her qualifications and a copy of her expert findings have already been provided to the Defendant in the discovery process. As required by Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the following is a summary of what Officer Blair will testify about at the trial of the above-styled case:

Officer Blair will testify that she examined a latent print lifted off a "Digiweigh digital scale" by ACCPD Det. Molly Lacey on September 5, 2019.¹ Using the known exemplar palm prints for **MERCERY (SID: 3802158J)** and the latent print lifted from the digital scale, Officer Blair concluded that both prints had "a great deal of corresponding ridge detail with no differences that would indicate they were made by differing palms."

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, this 12th day of April, 2022.

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¹ The Digiweigh digital scale was located in a Honda Accord that Defendant was driving on August 21, 2019, prior to fleeing on foot from ACCPD Officer Hunter Blackmon. It is the Government's contention that during the flight, Defendant discarded a Glock 9mm pistol and a KelTec 9mm pistol – both of which he is charged with possessing as a prohibited person in Count 4 of the Second Superseding Indictment.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, MICHAEL D. MORRISON, Assistant United States Attorney, hereby certify that on the 12th day of April, 2022, I electronically filed the within and foregoing **Summary of Testimony of Expert Witness ACCPD Officer Amanda Blair** with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to all parties of record.

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